



# **PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Regular Bi-monthly Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6:30 PM  
City of Sammamish Council Chambers

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Roisin O'Farrell, Pos. 2  
Larry Crandall, Pos. 4, Vice-Chair  
Jane Garrison, Pos. 5  
Matthew Petrich, Pos. 6

### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Eric Brooks, Pos. 1  
Shanna Collins, Pos. 3, Chair  
Nancy Anderson, Pos. 7

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Kellye Hilde, Planning Manager  
Doug McIntyre, Senior Planner  
Steven Chen, Traffic Engineer  
John Cunningham, JA Cunningham Consulting  
Victor Salemann, Transportation Solutions, Inc.  
Kevin Johnson, Permit Technician

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Larry Crandall called the Sammamish Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Vice-Chair Crandall motioned to approve; seconded – **Approved 4:0** The Agenda was approved as read.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Commissioner Garrison motioned to approve; seconded – **Approved 4:0** The minutes were approved as distributed.

Commissioner Garrison rescinds her motion to approve the minutes, seconded – **Approved 4:0**

Commissioner O'Farrell motions to approve the minutes, seconded.

Commissioner Garrison believes that on Page 2 the statement "it creates an extra step to changing the land use map" that staff was instead trying to say that it eliminates an extra step.

Staff responded that the staff member who made the comment in the June 1 meeting is not present but that they will confer with him.

Commissioner Garrison would like Chair Collins comments be added to the minutes regarding the 2-year update and how it slows growth and how the Planning Commission is a sounding board for the citizens.

Commissioner Garrison motions to table the approval of the 6/1/17 minutes until the above changes are made and revote on them at the next meeting, Seconded. **Approved 4:0**

**Public Comment: Non-Agenda:** (3 Min Individual / 5 Min Representative)  
No Non-Agenda Public Comment

**Public Comment Closed**

**OLD BUSINESS 6:41 PM** ([Bookmarked Video Link](#))

**Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Transportation Element– Public Hearing**

Staff commenced presentation:

**Overview:**

Department of Community Development (DCD) staff have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Transportation Element submitted by the Department of Public Works against criteria in SMC Title 24. Staff finds that the proposal is within the parameters of allowable amendments, pursuant to SMC 24.25.030. The proposal specifically meets provisions SMC 24.25.030(2)(a), (c), (g), and (k), which relate to technical amendments, amendments to transportation needs, amendments to technical appendices, and other amendments initiated by the City, respectively.

The proposed amendment will update the City's concurrency project list and establish an updated framework for the City to update its Traffic Impact Fee in Chapter 14A.15 SMC. The proposed amendment will also include the recently annexed Klahanie Area and incorporate the results of updated data into the City's traffic model, incorporating the May 2016 traffic counts and the installation of the adaptive traffic signal controls along the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. The proposed amendment will also include new development that has been completed in the City between May 2012 and May 2016.

**Commission and Staff began discussion**

Commissioner Garrison asked who will be reading the transportation plan? The public, engineers, or is it just to meet the GMA requirements?

Staff responded that it is all of the above, the Comp Plan is meant for all types of users to view it and use it for vastly different purposes.

**Commission Opened Public Hearing – 6:51 PM**

Paul Stickney – 504 228<sup>th</sup> AVE SE

Topic: Transportation Element

- What years are the traffic counts from?
- Is there a list of the completed subdivisions included?

Consultants responded that all of the counts are from 2016 and that there is a list that the City holds but it is not included in the report.

Mary Wictor – 408 208<sup>th</sup> AVE NE

Topics: Transportation Element

- The sidewalk on Inglewood Hill should be included in the map
- The traffic counts from previous studies should be included or made available

Consultants responded that the sidewalk on Inglewood Hill was not under construction at the time. In regard to the historic data, including such data would not be in line with the purpose of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, but the City has the data available upon request.

**Commission Closed Public Testimony – 7:05 PM**

**Commission began Comp Plan Transportation Element update and deliberation**

Commissioner Petrich motioned to approve the Comp Plan Transportation Element update as presented to the commission, Commissioner Garrison seconds. Commission began deliberation.

Commissioner Garrison believes that the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan is confusing in its configuration. Additionally, the section drawings for roadways, in particular the collector roadway, seem to be the same as arterials but with different labeling. Also there is a section of SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street that shows an elevated walkway being a shoulder and farther down it shows there being a paved walkway that does not exist. Under the section for park and rides it states that Sammamish has two park and rides but it then lists three. On page T-75 it says at the intersection of 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and that it requires a right turn lane however there already is a right turn lane. There is concern for the transparency and accuracy of this document.

The consultants responded that in terms of the roadway cross sections the analysis was intended to use the existing City of Sammamish roadway standards and that there was to be no changes to any standards and just to update the information. There are indeed errors in regards to SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. On page T-47 Commissioner Garrison is correct that that is says two but there is indeed three park and rides. On T-75 Commissioner Garrison is correct about the right turn lane and the model may need to be adjusted to reflect that.

Commissioner Petrich asked what confidence can the commission have with the errors that Commission Garrison has pointed out and should we do a complete review for more errors?

Staff and Consultants responded that the errors that have been pointed out do not affect any of the analysis work or calculations that has gone on and is more informational in nature.

Commissioner Petrich asked why there is not more of a discussion on the rules and regulations of how the roadways should be used such as bike lanes.

Staff responded that that is more related to our code enforcement and it is less of a policy and goal type of process, at least in regard to the items Commissioner Petrich identified.

Vice-Chair Crandall asked for staff and consultants to give a brief synopsis of the Transportation Master Plan

The consultants responded that the Transportation Master Plan process is to integrate all modes of transportation. The Transportation Master Plan will begin a public outreach and community engagement process to find out if Sammamish should focus more on non-motorized transportation options and projects.

Commissioner Garrison thinks that approving the amendments as a whole is inappropriate and would like to know if there is a way to just approve the numbers and calculations.

Staff responded that the Commission's recommendation is part of a broader process and that there will be additional checks as it makes its way to the City Council. Staff solicits specific concerns so that they can be addressed as the proposal makes its way through the process.

Commission O'Farrell agrees with staff in its confidence in the data even with the errors that have been found. As staff has said it is not a perfect document but the errors will be fixed as the process continues and the Commission should move forward.

Commissioner Petrich agreed with Commissioner O'Farrell and that if the data is reliable then some minor map errors should not hold this back.

Commissioner Petrich motioned to amend the proposal to amend text on Page T-47 to state three instead of two park and ride facilities exist, add omitted pedestrian facilities to the Non-Motorized Map (Figure T-11; Page T-46), and add language stating that a right turn lane exists at the intersection of 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street T-75, which reflect the errors caught by Commissioner Garrison. Commissioner O'Farrell Seconds. **Motion Approved 4:0**

Commissioner Garrison motioned to amend the proposal to reorganize the document to have the vision first and ending with a conclusion. Commissioner Petrich Seconds.

The consultants responded that it is organized based on the Puget Sound Regional Councils review form as well as the language in the GMA for what is required in this section and is set up to be easily reviewable by the PSRC and the Department of Commerce.

After hearing the consultant's response Commissioner Garrison rescinded her motion.

Vice-Chair Crandall called for a vote on the motion to move to recommend the 2017 Comp Plan amendment for the transportation element and the above approved amendment.

Commissioner Garrison motioned to amend the motion to include a statement about the vision, transparency, and accuracy needing to be upgraded. Hearing no second the motion fails.

Vice-Chair Crandall called for a vote on the motion to move to recommend the 2017 Comp Plan amendment for the transportation element and the above approved amendment. **Motion Approved 3:1**, Commissioner Garrison dissenting.

**Public Comment: Non-Agenda:** (7 Min) – 7:52 PM

No Non-Agenda Public Comment

**Public Comment Closed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Chair: Larry Crandall

PC Coordinator: Kevin Johnson

[Video Audio Record 6/15/17](#)

*Roberts Rules of Order applied: [RONR (10<sup>TH</sup> ed.), p. 451, 1. 25-28]*